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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MAYOR DAVID DERMER AND SOUTH FLORIDA BOXING PRESENT
“RESCUERS IN THE RING”
CHARITY BOXING EVENT

ROUND 2
SATURDAY OCTOBER 18TH 7PM
MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION CENTER

Get Ready to Rumble Miami Beach!

The Hottest Fight Night of the Year Hits South Beach as
Fire Fighters, Police, Beach Patrol and Coast Guard Officers
Put it All on the Line for Charity

The Miami Beach Police and Coast Guard Teams Tied Last Year
With 3 Wins Each... Who Will Take Home the Trophy this Year?

(Miami Beach, FL)- Mayor David Dermer and South Florida Boxing's Second Annual **Rescuers in the Ring** Charity Boxing Event hits South Beach on October 18th, 2003. The exciting night of action packed fights will begin at 7pm inside the Miami Beach Convention Center, Hall A. All 18 volunteer boxers are Miami Beach Public Safety Officials. 'Rescuers in the Ring' benefits the Miami Beach Police Athletic League and Victims Services Center.

Officially sanctioned by Gold Coast Boxing, Florida's Amateur Boxing Association, the event features 9 fights at 3 two minute rounds each. NBC 6's Guy Rawlings will announce the fights, as Mayor David Dermer and World Famous Boxing Trainer, Angelo Dundee commentate for the live-to-tape broadcast which will air on the City of Miami Beach's television station, TV-20, the following Monday.

Fighters have been training at South Florida Boxing for the last 4 months. Last year the Miami Beach Police team tied with the US Coast Guard team for the trophy. Mayor Dermer will release this year's matches during the **PRE-FIGHT PRESS CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 17TH, 2:30PM AT THE ANGELO DUNDEE TRIBUTE ON THE CORNER OF 5TH STREET AND WASHINGTON AVENUE .**

This year's event also includes a special exhibition fight featuring Miami Beach Police SWAT Officer and professional boxer, Luis Corps. Corps broke into professional

boxing after his victory in last year's 'Rescuers in the Ring' event. There, Corps defeated his lifeguard opponent by knockout in the third round. This year he will rumble with another pro-boxer for a high-energy exhibition. His opponent has not been named yet.

One of the benefiting charities is The Miami Beach Police Athletic League.

The Miami Beach Police Athletic League services the Miami Beach Community by providing both educational and recreational youth programs. Local police officers organize youth groups, community service projects and offer free after-school tutoring and athletic programs. PAL works every day to inspire children, keep them off the streets, and teach them how to develop self-confidence and motivation.

The other benefiting charity is the Victim Services Center. The Victim Services center is the only organization in Miami-Dade County that services crime victims post- trauma. They counsel victims right *after* the crisis occurs. While 60 percent of their clients are Domestic Violence Victims, they also service all other crime victims, including homicide and rape survivors from ages 3 and up. **They are the number one referral service for the Florida State Attorney's Office,** local law-enforcement agencies and INS. Their services include *at least* 20 hours of free one-on-one counseling sessions per client, group therapy sessions and many other recovery programs. They also provide court advocacy and safe-shelter referrals for abuse victims.

"All of us involved in 'Rescuers in the Ring' want to communicate our commitment to teaching all people, particularly our youth, the importance of hard work, athletics, clean competition and community service. I am personally proud of our public safety officials for their participation," says Mayor Dermer.

Media planning to attend the event should bring ID to obtain press passes.

Tickets for Rescuers in the Ring are currently on sale for \$25 dollars on line at www.vscmiami.org or by phone 305-607-2269. VIP Tickets are available for \$75 dollars.

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